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## INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO.1778-MC-FFS-D

**DATE:** March 10, 2017

**TO:** Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Dentists, Certified Nurse Midwives, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), Rural Health Clinics (RHC), Hospitals, Podiatrists, Optometrists and PACE Providers

**APPLIES TO:** Fee-for-Service, Managed Care and Dental

**FROM:** Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

**RE:** Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Program

**EFFECTIVE:** Immediately

The IME will receive all 2016 attestations through 11:59 pm, March 31, 2017. Program Year 2016 is the final year in which Eligible Professionals (EPs) and Eligible Hospitals (EHs) could begin to participate in the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program. The IME has many tools and guidance for the EHR incentive program which are posted on the DHS [Health Information Technology and Electronic Health Records](#)<sup>1</sup> webpage, some of which are:

- Patient Volume Guidebook (EPs)
- 2016 EHR Incentive Program Year presentation slides and webinar
- Instructional Guidance to Register and Attest
- EH Tip Sheet
- Hospital Calculator (payment calculations)
- Hospital Patient Volume Template

The IME will begin receiving EHR Incentive Program Year 2017 attestations April 1, 2017, through March 30, 2018. The EHR reporting period for 2017 is any continuous 90-day period or greater. The Clinical Quality Measures (CQM) reporting period is any continuous 90-day period or greater for first year demonstrators of Meaningful Use (MU), and a full calendar year for all others.

Program Year	First Time Demonstrating MU (Y/N)	Length of CQM Reporting Period	Length of EHR Reporting Period
2016	Y	90 Days	90 Days
	N		
2017	Y	90 Days	90 Days
	N	Full Year	

If you have any questions regarding the Medicaid EHR Incentive Program, please call 515-974-3219 or 515-974-3161 or email [imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us](mailto:imeincentives@dhs.state.ia.us).

<sup>1</sup> <http://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/providers/tools-trainings-and-services/medicaid-initiatives/EHRincentives>